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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Nobuyuki Itoh et al.  
Application No. : 10/060,765  
Filed : January 29, 2002  
For : HUMAN FGF-21 GENE AND GENE EXPRESSION PRODUCTS

Examiner : Ruixiang Li  
Art Unit : 1646  
Docket No. : 60219-13/PP-16758.003  
Date : November 24, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2004, please amend the application as shown on the attached pages.

Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, November 25, 2004. A petition for a three-month extension of time and a check for the required fee of \$980 are enclosed.